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A letter to the Bankruptcy Community:

Re: Northern District of Iowa's Improved Web Presence

Effective Monday, April 6, 2009, the United States Bankruptcy Court for the Northern District of Iowa will launch its new public website. Taking the Iowa Northern web presence beyond an improved "look and feel," we have also incorporated elements of intuitive menu composition/presentation and real-time information feeds, all in an attempt to provide increased service to the bankruptcy community.

Included among the more prominent features/services to be provided on and after April 6th:

- Ease of Menu Navigation - Menu Options will move to the left-hand side of the screen, and will no longer be "nested." This will alleviate frustration experienced when sub-menus are lost due to minor mouse movements.
- Information at your fingertips - Immediately upon accessing the court's site, you will be presented with the latest News and Notices in the main pane of your screen. This change in formatting has been incorporated into the site design to provide you with an immediate snapshot of the court's "headline news." Additionally, each item selected from the main menu displays the highest priority or most frequently accessed "articles" in the central pane of your screen.
- Immediate Access Links - Across the top of the information pane of your screen will be a series of "Hot Links" to take you to information and/or applications that are most requested in calls for assistance made to the Clerk's Office.
- RSS Feeds - The News & Notices Page has been equipped with RSS feed technology to assist in delivering "real time" information to those who subscribe. (The Phase II iteration of this web site will expand this functionality to the Recent Opinions & Decisions Page, so stay tuned!)
- Search Field - For those who would rather search for key words on the site than navigate through the menus, simply type the key word into the search field, hit "Enter" and it will bring up relevant article results in the main panel.

It is the court's intent to make this web site as intuitive and user friendly as possible. Please feel free to call me if you have any questions, comments or suggestions for improvement pertaining to our new web site.



Sincerely,

Sean F. McAvoy
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